

# United Church of God, IA-East Texas/Ruston/Texarkana

## Announcements • March 20, 2010

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### SABBATH SERVICES

#### Texarkana – 10:00 a.m.

Song Leader – Lonnie Neff

Sermonette – Lonnie Neff

Sermon – James Neff

#### Ruston – 1:00 p.m.

Song Leader – Chris Teague

Sermonette – Johnny Callender

Sermon – Les McCullough

#### East Texas – 2:30 p.m.

Song Leader – Jim Stewart

Sermonette – Jim Moody

Sermon – Leroy Neff

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Camp Application Deadlines

Several deadlines for camp applications are coming quickly. The Wind Rivers Challenger II program in Wyoming has a deadline of **April 16**, and UYC summer camps for teens have a deadline of **May 1**.

#### Excused Absence Forms

Over 50 Excused absence forms have been distributed so far. If you need one, please sign the list at the Information Center today.

#### Passover Service Assistance

Any ladies needing assistance with the foot washing service at Passover, please sign the list at the Information Center and/or contact Nancy Worthen ([granaryst@juno.com](mailto:granaryst@juno.com)).

#### Babysitting for Passover

Babysitting will be provided in the church building for those who need their preteen children looked after during the Passover service on Sunday night, March 28. Please sign the list at the Information Center if you will be using this service.

#### Teen Carwash on Thursday

We had a great garage sale and carwash last week. Thanks for all the help and support. We know there were some that could not make it

Sunday for the carwash. We will have another carwash this Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, from 10 AM - 2 PM.

#### Cleaning Assistance for Passover

Volunteers are needed to assist with cleaning the church building for Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread on Wednesday evening, March 24. Please contact Jim Walding if you are able to help.

Also, in preparation for the holy days, **please do not bring leavened products** into the church building after today.

#### Set Up for Passover

Volunteers are needed to help set up for the Passover/Footwashing service at 10:00 AM on Sunday, March 28. If you are available, please see Ed Weiss.

#### Passover Service

Passover services will begin at 7:45 PM. Please bring your own towel. Everything else is provided.

#### Services on First Holy Day

Services for the First Day of Unleavened Bread will be at 2:30 PM. Texarkana will be combined with the East Texas congregation.

#### Ruston Songleader Seminar

There will be a songleader seminar before services on the First Day of Unleavened Bread, at 1 PM. Any men interested in songleading are invited to attend.

#### Choir Practice

There will be a short choir practice about 15 minutes after services on the stage.

#### Growing Kids God's Way

The next Growing Kids God's Way class is after services on the Sabbath of March 27.

#### Regional Weekend

This weekend is the Teen Prom and final basketball weekend of the year in Dallas. Services and the prom will

be at the South Fork Hotel, 1600 N Central Expressway (same as last year) with services at 1 PM (an hour earlier than last year). Doors open for the dinner and presentation at 6 PM and the dance is from 7:45 to 11 PM.

Ball games are all at the Plano Sports Authority (601 Seabrook Dr) from 7:45 to 10:30 Saturday night and 8 AM to 2:30 PM on Sunday. See your coach or captain for a copy of the schedule.

#### New Feast Site

Mr. Kingsley Mather was not able to finalize negotiations for a Feast in the Bahamas before the deadline to put the details in the March United News.

However, negotiations are now complete for the Sheraton Nassau Beach Resort, Nassau, Bahamas. Copies of the full description are available at the Information Center.

#### Exercise Classes

The adult exercise program this week is on Monday morning from 9-10 AM and Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:30 PM.

#### Phone Broadcasting

The test of the phone broadcast system for those without email has proven to be a feasible option. If you do not have email and would like to receive special announcements via phone, please sign the list at the Information Center.

#### Lake Hawkins Campout

The church campout at Lake Hawkins is scheduled for Friday night, April 9 through Sunday morning, April 11. We have the same five RV spaces reserved at the campground that we've had in the past. Come to the Information Center to find more details and to reserve your spot!

**Save the Date!**

The church picnic brunch will be on Sunday, April 25. Further details will be coming!

### **Spring Banquet/Dance**

Ft. Worth's Annual Spring Banquet and Dance for adults and teens will be held the Sabbath between the two spring holy days, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Marriott Solana in Southlake.

A ticket ordering form is on the Information Center. A \$5.00 per person service charge is due for late orders. No orders will be accepted post-marked after **March 22nd**.

### **Houston North Golf Tournament**

The Annual UCG Houston North Golf Tournament will be on Sunday, April 25, 2010, at World Houston Golf Course, 4000 Greens Road, Houston, TX. Start time is 8:00 AM. Entry fee is \$50.00 (includes lunch); payment is due by 4/18/10 payable to Bruce Wasdin, 2310 Timbergreen Circle, Magnolia, TX, 77355 ([bwwasdin@gmail.com](mailto:bwwasdin@gmail.com)).

It will be a modified scramble format and all golfers are welcome. Additional tournament details are available at the Information Center.

### **Houston Preteen Camp**

Applications for the Houston Preteen Camp are now available online for campers as well as teen and adult volunteers. Camp will again be at High Pockets Ranch in Montgomery from June 6<sup>th</sup> – June 9<sup>th</sup>. With superb facilities and dozens of preteens from across our region eager to come to camp, we are anticipating another outstanding camp this year. Activities will include swimming, fishing, kayaking/canoeing, arts & crafts, Christian Living, recreation, music, archery, riflery (for the older dorms) as well as Camp Olympics and our traditional talent show held on the last evening of camp.

Camper must be either 7 years of age at the time of camp or have completed the first grade through the age of 12. Campers must be regularly attending Sabbath Services with their parent(s)/guardian(s), or receive approval from camp officials.

Applications and all necessary paperwork and information can be found at the United Youth Camps website at <http://uvc.ucg.org> - select "camps", "Preteen Camps", "Camp High Pockets".

Early registration is \$130 per camper, which means applications must be **postmarked** by April 9, 2010. After this date, camp fee is \$150 per camper. Please send payment with your application. With the lower cost of camp, there will not be a discount for additional family members attending camp. There is no cost for volunteer staff. If anyone would like to offer a scholarship for a camper or know of a camper who needs financial assistance to attend camp, please contact Elisa Hees (contact information is on the United Youth Camps website) or your local pastor.

We look forward to seeing you at High Pockets Ranch this year for a very exciting four days of camp!

### **Free Digitalization of Texas Film**

If anyone has old films, regardless of the format (nitrate, 35mm, 16mm, etc.), the state of Texas will provide a digitized copy for FREE. It simply needs to be film taken by Texans or about Texas (like old AC footage). They will be in Tyler Saturday, April 17th – 9 AM to 5 PM, and Sunday, April 18th – 12 PM to 4 PM at the Tyler Public Library.

## **TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS**

### **Challenger II**

Remember the Challenger II Wind Rivers program this summer for young adults up to 30-something, single or married. It's one week long, very challenging and is an experience you'll never forget. God's Church is looking for young adults who are committed to God's truth, and want to grow in godly character, leadership skills and the ability to serve others.

The dates are July 18-26. Details are available at the Information Center or from your pastor. You can also go to the Challenger II website to download all necessary information

and forms. The deadline to apply is **April 16**.

## **BUILDING UPDATES**

### **Update**

The carpet tiles were installed in the upstairs area and the front and side lawns were cleaned of roots and leveled this week. Special thanks to all those who helped. We also purchased a lawn mower and hope to get the drive entrance lights installed soon.

### **Building Fund Contributions**

This week the building fund received \$295 in donations. Our current total of funds collected is \$364,071.

To make donations, checks should be made out to United Church of God, East Texas and mailed to Sarah Baker, P.O. Box 1111, Hawkins, TX 75765.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Mrs. Maxine Neff** (East Texas) was told the spot in her liver could be cancer or just an infection. More tests were ordered and they hope to know something conclusive by next Friday. Your continued prayers would be appreciated.

**Shirley Fulford** (Ruston) is happy to report that her daughter-in-law, Kristin, got a clean report from the pathologist—no cancer in the biopsy. They are thankful for the prayers.

**Philip Hufton**, son of Ian and Thalia Hufton, has continued to improve and was moved this week from ICU to the ETMC Rehab Center. He is talking better and took a few steps recently without his walker. His brain still has to sort a lot of things out so they appreciate continued prayers.